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To: <u>*CI-StPaul Contact-Council</u>

Subject: Objection to \$18,000 Assessment- Financial Hardship for the Alano Society of St Paul

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 1:01:16 PM

Dear Council members,

I am writing on behalf of the Alano Society of St Paul to formally object to the recent assessment of \$18,000. As a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the community, this substantial financial burden threatens our ability to continue providing essential services.

The Alano Society of St Paul is a vital resource for individuals in recovery, offering a safe meeting place amidst a challenging environment increasingly dominated by bars and dispensaries. Our organization operates as a social club and refuge for those seeking support and sobriety, and our programs are critical in helping individuals maintain their recovery and reintegrate into society.

We are funded entirely through donations and our financial resources are carefully allocated to maximize our impact. The \$18,000 assessment represents a significant portion of our annual budget and would force us to divert funds away from essential services. We respectfully request a reassessment or a waiver of this fee in light of the financial hardship it imposes and the invaluable services we provide to the community.

We appreciate your understanding and consideration of our situation. Please let us know if there are any documents or information you require to support our case. We are committed to continuing our work in the community and hope for a favorable resolution that allows us to do so without this significant financial strain. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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